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Nationalization of bus transport in Malabar

* 2641 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the Malabar District Board through the Chief Minister in April 1955 for a loan of ten lakhs of rupees or grant of an equal amount for nationalizing bus transport in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (*a*) The representation referred to has not been received by Government. But the President, District Board, Malabar, addressed the Government in the matter in March 1955.

(b) The President, District Board, has been informed that the question of undertaking legislation to amend the Madras Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, so as to enable local bodies to run bus service on monopolistic basis is under the consideration of Government and that the District Board may renew the proposal to run its own bus service after the said legislation is undertaken.

Assignment of lands in " Koothali Estate "

* 2642 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from Malabar for the assignments of lands in " Koothali Estate " in Malabar district ; and

(*b*) the extent of lands assigned to the applicants up to date?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 167 applications in 1954 and 301 applications in 1955 were received for assignment of lands in Koothali Nayar's Estate.

(*b*) Nil. Properties of the late Koothali Nayar have not yet been finally escheated to the Government and O.S. No. 81 of 1953 on the file of the Sub-Court, Tellicherry, in which the validity of the escheat has been challenged is pending.

Cheap houses for the working classes and others

* 2643 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have recommended any scheme for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan for the construction of cheap type of houses for the working class, washermen and weavers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The draft Second Five-Year Plan proposals sent to the Planning Commission by this State includes separate housing schemes for industrial workers, weavers and fishermen. In addition any member of the working classes can join the existing Co-operative Rural and Urban Housing Schemes which are also included in the draft Second Five-Year Plan proposals.